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THE NEW YORK AVENUE BRIDGE.

There can be no question that the proposed construction of the bridge across the Potomac at the foot of New York avenue, intended to connect the city with the great National Cemetery at Arlington, is an important public enterprise, and one not only of interest to the District, but also to the whole nation. That it should be built without delay has been repeatedly demon-

strated. New York avenue is even now one of the great arteries of the city. As the northeastern district develops, its importance will be more and more recognized. It is potentially our finest boulevard and its prolongation to the Arlington reservation by means of the connecting link of a bridge which might not only be made a matter of convenience, but of historic interest, should be accepted as an affair not alone of local but of national conse-

As THE CRITIC understands it the proposal is to make the New York avenue bridge toward Arlington a memorist structure. It is Intended to be worthy both of the city and of the great country of which this city is the capital. It will accommodate river navigation in perfect accordance with the most approved methods. It will provide an ample roadway, and will generously furnish all the requirements of a bridge. But beyond all this it is to be commemorative as well. Its balastrades will be ornamented with heroic statues of our greatest men. It may be an effigy of Grant that will arrest the eye of the stranger who enters the bridge from Washington. On the other hand the Virginia approach may rivet the gaze of the beholder with a vivid and life-like presentation of the immortal

The idea is that this bridge shall be completed so that its opening shall be one of the ceremonies of the Quadri-Centenniai year. Congress has now in charge two or three propositions looking toward an appropriate celebration of that occasion. Of course, the statue in honor of Columbus should be built. That can be easily provided for so that its unveiling will come in time. But if the great New York Memorial Bridge is to be opened and inaugurated in 1892, immediate action must be taken, and Congress will have to assume the responsibility of a speedy as well as an

adequate appropriation for the purpose. THE CRITIC, in its devotion to both local and national subjects, calls for instant attention to this pressing matter, Congressmen are requested to direct their minds to its importance, and our citizens individually and generally should come unanimously to their assistance.

FOOD ADULTERATION.

The bill now being considered in Congress, which aims at the imposition of a discriminating tax upon compound lard, seems to be conceived and framed in the interest of a class. It is not pretended that this composite product of cotton-seed oil and beef tallow is not as pure in its nature as the fat of the hog. As a fact, cotton-seed and beef tallow are as much products of the farm as the lard of swine, and there is, on the surface, no reason why the policy of the Government should discredit one agricultural industry for the benefit of another.

The tax which the Government im poses on oleomargarine is intended to favor one product at the expense of an interest which has had ample time to grow from the of days Abraham downwards. The oleomargarine investment is like the compound lard interest in this respect, that both are certified on the highest scientific authority to be absolutely wholesome. What can be the possible interest of States, or of the National Congress in legislating on such questions? Why should either the nation or a State discriminate in favor of any particular industry at the expense of another.

But all this curious law-making, prompted by greed and evaded only, if evaded at all, by doubtful expedidents, suggests that it is the duty both of the Federal and State Governments to investigate the character and quality of the food supplies of the people. At this point most State Governments are so remiss that they may be said to be altogether inoperative. Congress can only control the District of Columbia and the Territories. For this reason the power of Congress is, of course, circumscribed, but if it can be once awakened, it may at least become of

fective within its limited range. The real object which legislation. both national and State, should aim at is the suppression of the fraudulent adulteration both of food and drink The statutes of the several states condemn and denounce this thing, but no effective muchinery is provided for the disclosure of the offense and the prosecution of the offender. What is wholesome to eat and drink is of the utmost consequence to the people. The public expects the Government to ascertain and inform them in this respect, but cated that, out of regard to public senti-

of its obligations.

of all kinds in regard to our food and drink. The offenses of poisoning or deteriorating the food or drink of the people should be put in the criminal

Prevision is already made for the desection of minused meat or fish. Public inspection should go farther. Every fitizen should be protected in his eating and drinking. Whether it is a matter of crackers and cheese or of whisky and beer, the Government should sad to it that its citizens are justly dealt with, and that they are not poisoned,

THE NEW TARLEY.

The bill reported by the Ways and Means Committee will, it is estimated, seduce the revenue of the Government by about \$60,000,000. Of this reduc tion \$18,000,000 will be effected by the abolition of internal revenue taxes, mainly on tobacco, and \$26,000,000 by owering the duty on sugar. A million and a quarter will be surrendered by additions to the free list.

Present rates, however, on a considerable variety of products are increased, but, on the whole, the measure may be taken as an honest effort to carry into execution the promises repeatedly made in Republican platforms with respect to tariff revision,

A curious feature of the bill is the increase of the duty on potatoes, barley, buckwheat, oats, butter and other products. As our farmers produce these articles in excess of all domestic de mand, and, in the case of each of them desire a large, liberal and lively exportrade, which might take up our surplus crops, the lack of any beneficial purpose in these provisions is very evident. In our potato and buckwheat markets our people do not at present fear a foreign competitor. In these respects, what they most earnestly desid-

crate is a foreign purchaser. The duty on wool of all grades is increased. Under the present tariff raw silk is on the free list. The proposed measure makes it dutiable. The same thing is true of several materials used in our manufactures. Under all circumstances, and for either party, the tariff is a difficult matter to handle. A multitude of interests must be respected and cared for. It is probable that the Ways and Means Committee has surveyed the field with great thoroughness and planned its revision with all the wisdom available in the case. Every provision of the bill will be carefully scrutinized by Congress. The great thing to insist on and secure is that the public interests shall not be betrayed to build up monopolies.

OBSERVE THE LIMIT.

THE CRITIC is always in favor of the old flag and an appropriation." It has no sympathy with the niggardly policy that would save the receipts of the Treasury regardless of the national prestige or the needs of the public

limitation. Some philosophe or other long ago discovered that human affairs are relative and conditioned. This truth holds good even in the case of an exceptionally rich and prosperous nation and, accordingly, it may be worth the while of our national legislators to remember that the Treasury surplus may have an end, and that all reasonable taxation may be brought to verge on the edge of depletion.

The administration of John Quincy Adams was arraigned for its proffigacy because the appalling sum of \$16,000, 000 had been expended for Governmental purposes. In the first year of Lincoln's Administration the whole revenue of the Government was a little less than \$42,000,000. At present the current expenses of the United States may be placed at \$400,000,000. Of course this includes pensions, fortifications and other appropriations of that

But anyone who carefully regardthese figures will readily see that, regard to the expenditures of the Gov eroment, the limit may be quickly reached. If one-half of the measures that are now being offered in Congress should be enacted, the Treasury would soon be hopelessly bankrupt. Politicians of all parties have sufficient in telligence to know that a national deficit would be a national danger. I is, therefore, in order to call the attention of Congressmen and their urgent constituents to the fact that the funds in the Treasury are not inexhaustible.

IN ALL LIKELIHOOD the bill will pass which gives to Chicago the World's Fair of 1892. The Columbus celebration should be worthy of the occasion and the country. The various details of the House bill seem generously conceived and wisely practical. But one thing is now sufficiently clear, Chicago must raise \$10,000,000 or jeopardize the whole scheme. The Windy City must put up or shut up. The game of bluff will not answer in this instance. If Chicago wants the International Exposition Chicago must pay for it; but it would be a national disgrace, in the circumstances, if she should mistake or belittle her opportunity and be found tardy and lagging in her duty.

IT IS THOUGHT THAT New England Congressmen will oppose Mr. McKinley's attempt at tariff revision because of two of its features. They will obect to the restoration of the duty on hides and the increase of the wool duties. The policy which has thus far obtained was favorable to the New England leather interests, and the manufacturers of that section have been de manding free wool. On those two questions representatives from that region will stand together without regard to partisan affiliations. This bodes no good to the McKinley measure.

THE CETTIC some days ugo referred to Senator Allison's change of base on the subject of tariff reform. It indi-

the Government sometimes unfortu- ment in Iowa, Mr. Allison had been nately falls to come up to the measure | Induced to change his views on revenue issues to the extent at least of placing There is no reason why the District sizal grass on the free list. But now of Columbia, which is legislatively in | the New York Herald is authority for the keeping of Congress, should not be the statement that the Senator will protected against these adulterations, antagonize the McKinley bill. It is All our citizens have a right to know | claimed for this measure that it will rewhether what they have to cat and duce taxes to the amount of \$30,000,drink is wholesome. There should be | 000, but according to the Herald there an inspection thoroughly energetic and | is a cold glitter in the Senatorial eye of sufficiently clear sighted to detect frauds | the Iowan when he reads some of the items of the schedule. The McKinley scheme of revenue reform will not be adopted If Senator Allison can prevent it.

THE REDUCTION of the tax on structural iron from \$25 a ton to \$12 will be appreciated in the building trades, and will show besides that the Ways and Means Committee has some valuable and practical ideas on the question of tariff reform. It will indicate also the marvelous progress which the iron industry in this country is making:

THE NEWARK'S LAUNCH into the element for which she is designed was a signal success, though it occurred in the midst of a storm of which, as usual the Signal Service had no prognostica tion. Thus, one by one, our new cruisers go to sea and help to make the American Navy something more than a

THE APPOINTMENT of the commander of the Tenth Corps of the German Army as Bismarck's successor illustrates the idea which underlies the new regime. An army officer will simply obey his superior, and the Emperor can now count on unhesitating so quiescence with all his views.

IT IS WELL KNOWN that some ancient Athenians got fired of having Aristides called the "Just." The Philadelphia Record suggests that the new German Emperor may have wearied of hearing Bismarck called great. Wiggins is once more predicting de

vastating storms. There is no surer sign of good weather. Arrangements for pic-nic parties may be made without hesitation. No MATTER How pleasant the weather

outside may be, the House of Representatives will have Mudd on the floor.

THE BLAIR BILL is "busted," and this disposition is probably final.

PERSONAL.

It is said that Mr. William Walder Astor, since his father's death, has had cards engraved bearing the simple yet suggestive legend, "Mr. Astor." "Mr Astor" evidently appreciates the dig nity of being at the head of a family. The grave of Nathaniel Harrison, the ancestor of President Harrison, was desecrated by relic hunters several days ago. It is located on the north side of the James River road, near Sunken

Meadow, in Surry county, Va. A new factory will soon be built by Dr. Gatling of machine-gun fame. His invention is now used by every govern-ment of the world, and the Doctor's purse is proportionately lengthened.

Mr. Bayard is now living quietly at his home in Wilmington, and for the first time in more than a quarter of a century he is not bothered with politics or politicians. Whether he will ever again enter public life is in great doubt. He is being importuned on all sides to become Governor of his native State .-New York Star.

But there is, in the nature of things, a Michel, who has been nicknamed the petroleuse of French politics Her face flames with color: from the centre of her ostrich egg-shaped forehead her untidy hair cascades upon her neck. She is dressed in black. Her eyes are not fierce; they are filled with tenderness. Louise Michel is more a Socialist by heart than by reason.

A dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, o the Chicago Herald says that "the much lauded speech of Congressman Dolliver, delivered on Lincoln's anniversary recently in Brooklyn, was an almost verbatim copy of an oration de-livered by his brother Victor on Lincoln at the commencement of Cornell Col-lege last June. The only difference lege last June. The only difference consisted of working in some allusions to the Republican party and the addition of a couple of paragraphs on ballot

WIT IN A SMALL WAY He preached then with wonderful force,

The ignorant natives a teaching;
With a pint he washed down his discourse,
"For," says he, "I detest your dry
preaching." - William Magina,

1. boudoir)—Mr. Nicefellow is in Sweet Girl (throwing down a novel)— Horrors! And my hair is all down! Tell him he'll have to wait a little, as I'm in the kitchen helping mother.

Bacon—Is your hotel fireproof : Egbert—I reckon it is. I found a fire in my room yet. - Yonkers

"Are you a connoisseur in cham-No. I never studied fizziology."

The rose and filly side by side Were in a bouquet pent;
"Ah!" the rose exclaimed, you're fair to And the lily said, "Of course, tee hee!

But you cannot borrow aught from me, For I haven't got a cent."

—Philadelphia Press, Theatre Manager-That was a pretty severe notice of yours. You say that the play is unmitigated rot. And yet were applauding vigorously last

Critic—I was only clapping my hands to keep them warm.—Boston Tran-

A CHILD OF THE MINES. BY CHARLES HENRY LUDERS.

Far from green field or waving bough From dawy morn to shadowy night is lamp, dim-burning o'er his brow, Shedding a faint and ghostly light, in a dark gangway underground.
The little door-boy sits alone,
Waiting the footfalls that resound,
sAnd bid the portal open thrown.

No books, no games, no playmates cheer. The long, blach hours he watches there. Unto his half unconscious car. No noises from the upper air—librd-song, or plash of brook, or sigh. Of winds may come. Wee, steadfast soul He bears the transcar rumbling by, The drill, the blast, the falling coal.

Poor, little, lonely lad! To me It seems a crime to shut you there.
Away from mountain stream and tree.
Away from joyous light and air.
Reaven guard you at your vigil lone,
And grant you—that it may suffice
For earthly hardships to atone—
The whitest robe in Paradise! THE SOCIAL WORLD

Mrs. Hearst gave a charming my sicale yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the performers being her same as upon the occasion of the first entertainment a week since. The guests were re-ceived in the music room, where the bostess stood just within the doorway in a gown of fify stalk green satin and brocade, with vest of finely-plaited white mull, and was assisted in the luties of hostess by Miss Hillyer of California, Miss Nellie Biddle and Miss Florence Bayard. The following pro-

rorence Bayard. The following programme was rendered:

2. Trio, "Recuerdos, mazurka, Curti, Miss Carmellta Ferrer, mandolini, Miss Adele Ferer, mitar; Mr. Richard Ferrer, violin. 2. Guitar solo, "Jaleo De Xeres," Miss Adele Ferrer. 3. Trio, "La Gitana," Belero, Arditi, 4. Violin solo, "Song of the Evening Star," Wagner, Mr. Richard Ferrer. 5. Trio, "Un Ballo in Maschera," Verdi.

At the conclusion of the musicale the At the conclusion of the musicale the guests were invited to partake of a collation of salads, ices, champagned fruits, coffee and bouillon, which was served in the large supper room on the round floor, directly beneath the musie room.

Noble, the Misses Halsted, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Strong, Mrs. N. S. Lin-coln, Mrs. Justice Miller, Mr. and Mrs. David R. McKee, Admiral and Mrs. Crosby, Admiral Harmony, Mrs. Isham Hornsby, Mrs. Evans, Chaplain and Mrs. Hoes, Mrs. Senator Kenna, Mrs. and Miss McKeever, Mrs. Senator Blackburn, Mrs. Manderson, Mrs. and Miss McKeever, Mrs. Senator Blackburn, Mrs. Manderson, Mrs. Spooter, Miss Dawes, Miss Evarts, Judge and Mrs. Hagner, Mrs. Albert A. Wilson, Miss Mary Wilson, Miss Stratton of Baltimore, Mrs. Mullan, Mrs. Guthridge, Dr. Lambon, Miss Rosecrans, Mrs. Speaker Reed, Mrs. Thomas Riggs, Miss Riggs, Mrs. Senator Walthal, Miss Walthall, Mrs. Judge Hoge, Mrs. Senator Butler, Representations. Hoge, Mrs. Senator Butler, Representative and Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. J. D. Langhorne, Mr. Courtenay Thorpe, of Rosina Vokes company; Mrs. Senator Stuart, Mrs. Representative Gibson, Miss Condit Smith, Mrs. Stephen D. Preston, Miss. May Williams, Mrs. Charles Nordhoff, Miss Kate Field, Mrs. Anson G. McCook, Mr. and Mrs. de Breton.

Mrs. Oates of Alabama gave uncheon in her new home yesterday to a party of twelve ladies. The corsage the valley and Parma violets, while the gown worn by the hostess was of white and violet. Among the guests were Mrs. Kenna, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Corcoran, Mrs. Representative Carlisle and her daughter-in-law and Mrs. Willis of Kentucky. Mrs, and Miss Wilmerding, Lieutenant and Mrs. T. B. M. Mason accompanied

Secretary Tracy on the Despatch. The fourth and last of the series of Authors' Readings was held at the resi-dence of Mrs. Dahlgren Wednesday evening when a large number of guest

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of the Pan-American delegation have apart-ments at Dr. Stern's, on G near Twentyirst street, where they will remain untiheir departure from Washington. Miss May Williams and the Misses Williamson gave lunch parties yeste

Count von Mumm gave a supper last

vening at the Shoreham. Mrs. Dolph held last night the final one of her series of informal Thursday evening receptions. These gatherings have proved very enjoyable features of the Lenten season. Mrs. Dolph will receive hereafter informally on Monday afternoons at 4 o'clock. Miss Stratton of Baltimore is the

quest of Miss Mary Wilson. Mr. Victoria Forrest and daughter Mrs. Bradley of New York, and Miss Butts of Baltimore are the guests of the Misses Forrest of Georgetown.

Mrs. H. E. Monroe is in the city for a few days only and is the guest of Miss' Ransom, at 915 F street, where these ladies will receive their friends, informally, from 2 till 5 p. m. to-day.

Miss May Heymond of Clarksburg V. Va., a daughter of Judge Heymone the Supreme Court, who has been spending the season at the Buckingham guest of her aunt, Mrs. Goff, left this afternoon for her mountain home carrying with her very pleasant memo ries of Washington and its winter gaieties. At a progressive euchre party the other night at Miss Hackney's she was the winner of the first ladies' prize, a beautiful Japanese pitcher. As a "sweet girl graduate" she leaves the Buckingham to the regret of every one domiciled within its exclusive walls. Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Pierce cele

orated the first anniversary of their marriage last evening at their residence, 1615 New Jersey avenue northwest. The Pastime Musical Club, of which Mr. Pierce is a member, was present, and furnished delightful music for the occasion. Mr. Harry J. Caldwell as spokesman for the club presented Mr. and Mrs. Pierce with a beautiful silver urn as a token of remembrance. They were also the recipients of numerous other gifts. Refreshments were served and the merry-making continued until a late hour. Among those present were: Mrs. G. H. Hale and her daughter, Miss Agnes: Miss Mabel Clayton, Miss Pauline De Vautier, Miss Maude Brad-ley, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Duvali and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galleher, Mrs. John S. Finch. Mr. and Mrs. A V. Hoimes, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daiton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradiey, Mrs. Wallace W. Bradley, Messrs. Egleston, Hale, Scarle, Giebel, Galleher, Hay-den, Josetti, Fuhrman and W. W. Dal-ton.

Ex-Governor and Mrs. Carroll entertained a small party at dinner last evening.

Archbishop Ryan was tendered a dinner on Tuesday by the Misses Riggs, whose guest he was during his brief stay in Washington.

AMUSEMENTS. Rosina Vokes.

"In Honor Bound," "My Milliner" Bill" and "A Pantomime Rehearsal" was the bill presented by Miss Rosina Vokes and her company at the National Theatre last night. As has been true of each performance since the engagement opened, there was not a vacant seat in any part of the house and the audience was a distinguished and fashionable one. The same programme was given the last time the company was in Wash-ington, but last night Miss Vokes was The same programme was given even more sparkling and vivacious than on that occasion. Her charming mannerisms, characteristic singing, artistic dancing and hoydenish antics kept the andlence alternating between laughter and applause. Mr. Courtenay Thorps and the other members of the company were all warmly applicated. The programme will be repeated to eight and at to morrow's matinee. To morrow night the bill of the first part of the work will be repeated. week will be repeated.

The Boston Symphony Concert. The concert by the Boston Sympliony Orchestra at Lincoln Hall this evening will give an opportunity too seldom afforded to hear Beethoven's Immortal Fifth Symphony. As rendered by Nickisch's superb orchestra it will be a Nickisch's superb orchestra it will be a notable experience to hear it. The selaist will be Miss Mary Howe, a sapprano who has won golden opinions in sold by all druggists.

New York, Boston and other Northern cities. She will sing the Indian bell song from Lakme and "The Nightingule," a song by a Russian composer. Among the other features on the programme will be Mendelssohn's Fingal

ave overture and the prelude 'Tristan and Isolde,' PEOPLE WHO ARE POPULAR.

Make Others Comfortable. The popular people, that is the people popular socially, are the adaptable ones, says the New York Sun, The man who doesn't believe his host is responsible for the weather, or his lack appetite, or the fact that most of the people are strangers to him, or that his clothes are uncomfortable, is the man who is going to be invited out often. The woman who doesn't expect her friends to be siways at the lever heat of affection, who doesn't expect them to keep a day book of her likes and dislikes, who doesn't want the best sent in an opera box, and who doesn't complain if she has to entertain somebody who isn't as yet a celeb rity, is the comfortable one, and the one that everybody is glad to meet again. She is certain to make even stupid people bright, or better still, to make them think themselves bright, and she is equally certain to be a tolerable happy person herself, for there is a great deal of truth in what one of the

make other people 'appy you've a 'appiness in your own 'art that cawn't ome in any other way."

If you ask a man how you had better dress to go to the theatre, he'll say:
"Oh, wear a black frock and a little
bonnet." Then, if you tell him you
haven't got a black frock that is fit to
wear, he'll ask, "if you don't own some quiet little brown thing?" Very young men and very old men, those nearing their second childhood, like to take out women who are conspicuous by their handsome gowning; but the real man, the best type of the man of the world, prefers that, while a woman is well, she should be quietly dressed. An observant citizen, who votes the Democratic ticket, and whose opinions of men in general and women in particular are good, said he'd rather have, when he took out a woman he cared for, a man to say to him the next day "Tommy, my boy, who was that quiet little lady with you last evening?" than to have him rush up to him and say "Tom, you can't keep that to yourself. You've got to introduce that stunning creature to me. Never saw such a beauty in my life. What a ltcky fellow

slum sisters so funnily said: "If you

Men are a hundred times more sensitive on the subject of refinement in women than most women believe, and the young woman who is given to cigarette smoking, who "slings slang" like a man, who talks about the fellows and who never flinches before mouse or cow, is apt in time to be relegated by them to the world in which she belongs. Men are decidedly the best judges of what is desirable in women, and they seldom have a deep-seated admiration for the fast or the horsey one.

FOREIGN MATTERS

A Paris bankrupt selected the door sill of the Morgue as a place for suicide. The Jewish population of Palestine has increased 70,000 annually in the last five years. In 1741 Palestine contained but 8,000 Jews; in 1883, 20,000; end of 1888, 70,000.

Mr. Parnell has had to pay \$2,600 to the Times as costs in the libel suit begun in Edinburgh and discontinued. The Times claimed twice that sum, but the court cut down the bill. The Duke of Orleans has let his

friends, the Dukes of Luynes and d'Alencon, pay his prison restaurant bill of 1.454 francs. The young pretender's every meal cost about fifty francs. Fate pursues the British 110-

relentlessly; one of them has just been sent to the bottom of the Thames by the sinking of the craft aboard of which it was being transported to its ship. The London News suggests that they had better let it lie there awhile; "the salt water may strengthen it." The new City and Southwark Sub-way in London has had a successful ex-

way in London has had a successful ex-perimental test, fifty persons traveling in two cars through the tunnel under-neath the Thames at a speed of thirty miles an hour by electric power. The road is from fifty to seventy feet underground, and elevators will take people up and down at the stations. The La Plata Gazette approunces that on April 1 an electric mail service will

be set in operation between Buenos Ayres and Montevideo. The two cities, which are about 180 miles apart, have just been connected by a double line of wires. The tiny mail boxes, containing messages on thin paper, will be slipped along these wires with ning rapidity. Mme. Guiboliard. nee McGinty, suf-

fered greatly from toothache; but she had a horror of the forceps. At last she decided to have the had tooth pulled, and drove off to the dentist. When the door was opened a servant appeared, "Is the doctor in?" she appeared. "Is the doctor in?" she asked. "No, madam, not at present, was the answer. "Oh, ain't I glad! she exclaimed, with a sigh of relief.

The Forth bridge cost the lives of fifty-six persons during the seven years of its construction, but the engineers insist that this was a remarkably good showing. They say: "The fact that the loss of life has not been larger on a work of such magnitude with so large a number of men employed in danger-ous positions shows that no reasonable precautions for their safety have been

St. Petersburg tallors got up a scheme for publishing in the newspapers the names of all their customers who refused to pay their bills, but the govern-ment forbade it. Now the tailors accomplish the same object by putting up a large blackboard in the reception room of their shops, upon which they chalk the names of the chief delinquents and the amounts of their bills. They say it has reduced by sixty per cent.

The Negro as a Miner. From the Birnchighnon (Ala.) Age-Herald. A dispatch from Scranton alleges that foreign miners are now leaving Pennsylvania and returning to Europe. The reason is that under present conditions they can make better wages in Wales than in this country. We have never understood why the Pennsylvania mine owners do not avail themselves of negro labor for mining purposes. sist in alleging that it is the che of labor that enables the South to make iron cheaper than the North does.

What Boston Life Is,

Herbert Spencer defined life as "the definite combination of heterogeneous changes, both instantaneous and successive, in correspondence with external coincidences and sequences." He un-doubtedly meant life as it is lived in Boston. In other cities it is more simple.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S WIFE,

The Widow of the Great Southern General Seeks a Pension, The application of Mrs. Thomas J. Jackson for a pension for the services of her late husband, General "Stone wall" Jackson, in the war with Mexico has been received in the Pension Office. It was forwarded from the office of D. G. Maxwell, U. S. commissioner, Char-They Are the Adaptable Oues Who lotte, N. C.

The affidavit of General James Longstreet was needed and it was read before Judge Gaston at Gainesville, Ga. eral Longtreet and General Jackson were comrades in the Mexican war, one being a captain and the other a lieutenant. General Longstreet made affidavit to General Jackson's service in the war with Mexico, and as he signed his name to the paper his eyes were full of tears—the memory of many fought-battles and bi ouacs doubtless crowds ing on his memory:

"The bravest are the tenderest, The loving are the daring." To the above was added the affidavit of Dr. Joseph Graham, who was present at the marriage, July 15, 1857, of Licut T. J. Jackson and Miss Mary Ann Mor rison, daughter of an eminent Presby terian divine and niece of Hon. Wm. A. Graham, U. S. Senator from North Carolina in 1843 and Secretary of the Navy in the Cabinet of Fillmore. Mrs. Jackson will receive a pension of \$8 per month from January 29, 1887, the date of the passage of the Mexican-veterans

bfll-some \$304 up to this date. Senator Wolcott as a Retreaction.

Henry Wolcott, brother of Colorado's junior Senator, is in New York again. This recent story is told about him: He was asked by a friend shortly after his brother went to Washington if the Senator had been satisfactorily placed on committees. "Not so far as I am concerned," was the reply. "Of course, so far as brother Ed. is concerned, it is agreeable, because he is chairman of a committee and has a committee room. But for what in the world the Senate ever put him at the head of the Com-mittee on Retrenchment, unless in pure sarcasm, passes my comprehension. Why, Ed. would spend the surplus in a week if he could draw on it as he does on me. By Jove, but he makes me retrench to keep up with him." Irrepressible Pests.

From the San Francisco Alta There are some agitators in this city who presume to represent "the starving masses," but who would be greatly benefited by a little starvation them-selves. Their task seems to be to get the

unemployed hungry men of the town to dictate the terms on which they will consent not to starve. There seems to be no possible issue upon which the blather will not blath.

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